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Cromwell Advertisements



THE PEOPLE'S BAKERY.
J. SCOTT,
BREAD AND BISCUIT BAKER,
Melmore-street, Cromwell.

Families waited on for orders, and Bread
regularly delivered in all parts of the district.

BRIDGE HOTEL, CROMWELL.

JOHN MARSH,

Of the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell,

IS DETERMINED TO GIVE VALUE FOR MONEY.

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CROMWELL HOTEL

CROMWELL.

ROBERT KIDD, PROPRIETOR.

The travelling public and Commercial Gentle-
men will find this the most convenient house to
put up at in Cromwell. There are excellent
bed, private sitting, and dining rooms, and at-
tached to the establishment is a magnificent Bil-
liard Saloon, and the largest hall for Concerts,
Balls, or Theatrical Representations out of Dun-
edin.

Excellent Stabling, &c.

CROMWELL TIMBER & IRON YARD
LATE MR GRANT'S
NEW ZEALAND & AMERICAN TIMBER YARD.

JAMES TAYLOR,

Carpenter and Builder, Ironmonger,



Has FOR SALE all kinds of Building Material
suitable for the district.

Estimates given for Buildings at the Lowest
Rates compatible with Good Material and
Workmanship.

Punctuality and attention to all orders may
be relied on.

A Large Assortment of Paperhangings,
Paints, Glass, FURNITURE—comprising Chairs,
Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads, &c.

Building Ironmongery, Carpenters' and Miners'
Tools, Hemp, Wire, and Manila Rope,
SADDLERY, &c., cheap.

GILBERT FOWLER,



BAKER AND FAMILY GROCER,
Cromwell,
Supplies every description of GROCERIES, of
best qualities, at reasonable prices.

Families waited on for orders, and goods de-
livered in any part of the town or district.
Wedding Cakes made to order.

Confectionery of all descriptions.
A good supply of Fresh Butter always on
hand.

GILBERT FOWLER,
Baker and Family Grocer,
CROMWELL.

DAGG'S

CLUTHA HOTEL,

CROMWELL.

Best Accommodation for Visitors.

PRETTY FAIR LIQUOR.

FIRST-CLASS STABLING.

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!

From the DEEP CREEK KILNS.

I. HALLENSTEIN & Co.,

Agents for the Cromwell District.

NOTICE.

WE, the undersigned, beg to inform the in-
habitants of the Cromwell, Alexandra,
and Clyde districts that we have appointed

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,
CROMWELL,

as our only Agents for the sale of our Silk-
dressed FLOUR, BRAN, and POLLARD.

We guarantee all Flour branded with our
name and obtained through the above agents.

ROBERTSON & HALLENSTEIN,
Brunswick Flour Mills,
Lake Wakatipu.

Cromwell Advertisements

SHAMROCK STORE

CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SHANLY & Co.,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION



MERCHANTS.

A large and varied assortment of

WINES, SPIRITS, AND GROCERIES.

Goods delivered in all parts of the district.
free of charge.

Smithfield Butchery Company



OWEN PIERCE (late of St. Bathans)
having purchased from Mr W. J. Banky
the Butchery Business lately carried on by him
in Cromwell, begs to intimate that he is in a
position to supply the best description of meat
at moderate prices.

O. P. hopes by strict attention to business,
and keeping meat of the very best quality, to
obtain a share of public support.

Junction Commercial Hotel,
CROMWELL.

JOSEPH HARDING begs to intimate
that he has purchased from Mr G. W.
Gooden the above large and centrally-situated
Hotel, and is now in a position to offer accommo-
dation of a superior description to all who may
favor him with their patronage.

His past experience in the WINE and SPIRIT
trade, will he trusts, be sufficient guarantee that
the Spirits and Malt Liquors served will be as
pure as on the day they left the vinery or the
distillery.

The BEDROOMS, PRIVATE PARLORS, &c., ar-
fitted up in the best style, and every attention
will be paid to secure the comfort and conve-
nience of visitors.

Large and Comfortable

BILLIARD ROOM,
Fitted with one of Alcock's Tables.

Particular attention has been paid to the
STABLES

In connection with the Hotel, and the public
may rely on

Every Care being taken of their HORSES.

MEALS ready at ALL HOURS of the day.

J. HARDING.

CROMWELL COAL PITS.
NICHOLAS & CO.

Beg to inform the public of Cromwell and the
surrounding district that they have purchased
the Lease of the above-named Coal Works, and
that they are now in a position to supply COAL
of excellent quality on the shortest notice, and
at the same rates as heretofore—viz., 20s. per
ton at the Pit, or 32s. per ton delivered.

No INCREASE in PRICES!

NICHOLAS & CO.,
Coal Merchants.

NOTICE.

I BEG to intimate to the public that I
have leased the STABLES belonging to the
BRIDGE HOTEL to Mr FRANK FOLTE.

JOHN MARSH.

HAVING leased from Mr John Marsh the
above well-known STABLES, I beg to
solicit the support of my old friends and the
public generally, and trust, by strict attention
and moderate charges, to merit a share of public
patronage.

Horses always on hire.

Horses carefully broken to saddle or harness.
t.c. F. FOOTE.

I. HALLENSTEIN & CO.,

GENERAL IMPORTERS,

Cromwell
Queenstown

Arrowtown
Melbourne.

WE have much pleasure in calling the attention of the inhabitants of CROMWELL
and surrounding districts to our

LARGE AND WELL-SELECTED STOCK,

Which is specially suitable to supply their wants. Each Department will be found
complete, and assorted with every requirement.

Drapery. The attention of Ladies is respect-
fully directed to this Department.
It will be found replete with all the latest novel-
ties from the Melbourne markets, (carefully
selected by our Mr Hallenstein), comprising:

Dresses, in silks, fancy and black; alpaca,
challies, mohairs, winceys, muslins, prints,
coburgs
Shawls, all-wool plaids, French merinos, skirt-
ings, jackets, &c.
Hosiery, gloves, handkerchiefs, laces, trim-
mings of all kinds
Ladies' and Children's Underclothing.—Our
stock will be found the largest and best-
assorted on the Gold-fields
Ladies' and Children's Hats, trimmed and un-
trimmed
Feathers, flowers, corsets, chignons, &c.
A large assortment of white and coloured
flannels, serge and cricketing; calicoes and
sheetings; and every other article required
in the trade.

Slop Department. Men's Suits, (Pajama
&c); boys' ditto, Leo-
pold, Stanley, &c, and knickerbocker
Trousers and vests, all kinds
Trousers, in silk mixture, doeskin, tweed,
cotton, Bedford cord, and moleskin
Shirts—white dress, regatta, Crimean, serge,
Scotch twill, tweed, and jean
Pants and under-shirts, in flannel, lambswool,
serge, merino, and cotton
Men's and boys' Hosiery, of all kinds
Hats—straw, merino, tweed, silk-stitched,
felt, and plush, in all the latest shapes
Waterproof coats, overalls, leggings, and son-
westers
Monkey jackets and pilot coats
All the above Goods are to our special order

Boots and Shoes A splendid assortment,
consisting of:
Ladies', girls', and children's boots, in kid,
cashmere, morocco, and leather
Slippers—canvas, patent leather (plain and
fur-trimmed), sheepskin, and carpet
Men's and boys' boots—elastic side, Balmoral,
Blucher, Wellington, half Wellington, and
riding boots
Colonial water-tights, made to our order in
Melbourne
Gun boots—Hayward's North British and
Liverpool; Hardy's nuggets.

Carpets In tapestry, felt, all-wool kilder-
minster, drugget; hearth-rugs.
Matting—China and coir; oilcloth, door-mats.

ALL ORDERS WILL RECEIVE OUR PROMPT AND CAREFUL ATTENTION.

KAWARAU HOTEL,
CROMWELL.

WILLIAM SMITHAM, PROPRIETOR.

The best conducted and most comfortable Hotel
in the District.

A FIRST-CLASS BILLIARD ROOM,
With one of Alcock's best Tables.

Coaches leave for Queenstown and Arrow-
town every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 9
a.m.; for Clyde every Tuesday, Thursday, and
Saturday, at 3.30 p.m.; and for Cardrona and
Alberton every Wednesday at 9 a.m.

N.B.—W. S. having erected a large range of
Stabling, would intimate to Travellers that every
care will be bestowed upon horses. An experi-
enced groom in attendance.

CROMWELL.



FREE TRADE BUTCHERY,

(Wholesale and Retail),

JAMES DAWKINS, PROPRIETOR.

A supply of Beef, Mutton, Veal, Pork, Hams,
Bacon, &c., always on hand.

Joint of BEEF, 6d per lb.

Sides of MUTTON, 3½ " "

TERMS—CASH.

Meat delivered at Town Prices throughout
the district.

[A CARD.]

R. F. BADGER,
LEGAL AND MINING AGENT,
MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL;

AND AT BENDIGO GULLY.



New Line of

ROYAL MAIL COACHES

BETWEEN

Queenstown and Clyde.

R. W. DANIEL begs to intimate that he
has started his new line of Coaches be-
tween Clyde, Cromwell, and Queenstown, leaving
Clyde on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays,
and Queenstown on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and
Saturdays.

[A CARD.]

DR. JAMES CORSE,
SURGEON,

May be consulted daily at his residence,

MELMORE-STREET,

CROMWELL.

THE CELEBRATED

BLACK HORSE BREWERY BEER.

XXX and XXXX ALE.

BASTINGS AND KOFOED - PROPRIETORS.

The undersigned has been appointed SOLE
AGENT for Cromwell and surrounding districts,
and can guarantee a regular supply. The Beer
cannot be excelled in Otago.

W. J. BARRY,
Cromwell.

CROMWELL VETERINARY
SHOEING FORGE.

Next door to Smitham's Kawarau Hotel.

EDWARD LINDSAY,

(Late of Clyde and Melbourne),

**GENERAL BLACKSMITH, FARRIER,
AND MACHINIST.**

E. L. begs to inform the public of Cromwell
that he has purchased the business of Mr Thomp-
son, and trusts by strict attention to business,
and the execution of all work placed in his hands
in a first-class and workmanlike manner, to
merit a continuance of the support accorded his
predecessor.

W. H. WHEATER,

BOOTMAKER,

MELMORE-STREET, CROMWELL.

A large and varied stock of Home and Colonial
made Boots and Shoes on hand, to which atten-
tion is respectfully requested.

PRICES MODERATE.

THURSDAY, 18th AUGUST.

At Goodger's Yards, Cromwell!

TEAM OF

8 Working Bullocks, and Dray!

W. J. BARRY has been favored with instructions from Mr. THOMAS RUSSELL to sell by auction, on the above date,

A team of Superior WORKING BULLOCKS, together with Dray, Bows, Yokes, and Chains complete.
Terms Cash.

FOR SALE, a valuable WATER RIGHT and REGISTERED CLAIM on the south bank of the Kawarau, Long Gully. This is one of the most valuable mining properties in the district, and it has been yielding handsome returns, of which there is every prospect of a continuance for many years. This valuable property is only to be disposed of in consequence of the proprietor giving up mining pursuits.

R. F. BADGER,
Mining and Estate Agent,
Cromwell.

FOR SALE, A SET OF LIGHT HARNESS, NEARLY NEW.
Apply to Mr. SHANLY.

FOR SALE, THREE SPRING CARTS & a WAGGON.
APPLY TO JOHN MARSH.

FOR SALE, FOUR-ROOMED COTTAGE in Bendigo township.
Apply to C. & W. COLCLOUGH, Bendigo.

To Miners and Others.

FOR SALE, a SIXTH SHARE in Bruce and Company's DEEP SINKING CLAIM, Smith's Gully, Bannockburn. This claim is in good working order, with all requisite appliances complete.

For further particulars apply to

GEORGE ROBERTSON,
At the Claim.

JUST RECEIVED and TO ARRIVE Ex "Sally Brown,"
50 Cases Devoe Kerosene,
(Patent Nozzled Can).

I. HALLENSTEIN & Co.

New Advertisements.

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF STOCK RUNNING ON MOUNT PISA STATION.

The DEPASTURING FEE of £1 per head for the past year must be paid on or before FRIDAY, the 19th August, either to the Manager at the Station, or into the Station Account at the Bank of New South Wales, Cromwell. Owners not complying with this requirement will not have their Cattle included in the Returns, and must remove them after the 1st September.

The Cattle included in the coming Returns may be depastured on the Cromwell Flat (below the Terraces) at a yearly fee of TEN SHILLINGS: one-half payable in advance, the other half on the 1st February 1871. Owners to find their own Ranger, to keep them within the limits of the Flat. If any Cattle, after this arrangement has been entered into, stray or are removed to any other part of the Run, their owners will be liable for trespass.

Owners of Horses are also requested to keep them, as much as possible, within the same limits. Anyone driving horses beyond the Flat without special permission will be prosecuted.

HOWELL, LOUGHNAN, & COCKS.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.

WE, the UNDERSIGNED, have this day dissolved partnership by mutual consent. All debts due to the Firm to be paid to GEORGE GILFORD, and all accounts owing by the Firm to be paid by the said GEORGE GILFORD.

GEORGE BUTTERWORTH,
GEORGE GILFORD.

Witness, JAMES TENNANT.

Legantown, Bendigo Gully,
August 1, 1870.

NOTICE.

In the Estate of W. J. BARRY, Cromwell, a Bankrupt.

THIS is to certify that Mr GEO. FACHE auctioneer, of Clyde, is authorised to collect all moneys due to the above Estate.

J. HAZLETT,
Trustee.

Clyde, July 30, 1870.

TENDERS are invited for SINKING 50 feet in Wilson & HENDREY'S CLAIM, No. 2 west of Bendigo Reef. Tenders to be sent in by midday on THURSDAY, the 18th inst., to W. TALBOYS, London House, Cromwell; or to C. F. JOHNSON, Sydney Hotel, Clyde.

New Advertisements.



Cromwell Kilwinning Lodge, S.O.

THE REGULAR MEETING will be held in the Lodge-room, on FRIDAY, 19th August, at half-past seven p.m.
By order of the R. W. M.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT, in aid of the Funds of the DUNSTAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL, ON

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1870,
In Kidd's Concert Hall.

Mr WILLIAM PYLE, of St. Bathans, has kindly consented to give an Exhibition of his celebrated

DISSOLVING VIEWS.

Which consist of 100 Views of Home, Continental, and New Zealand Scenery; Statuary, and Subjects illustrative of Natural History, Astronomy, &c., shown by the Bude Light, and magnified to over 12ft. square.

A descriptive Lecture will be given, with appropriate music.

The Interlude will consist of VOCAL and INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC, by well-known Amateurs.

The whole to conclude with the laughable Farce of

BOX AND COX!

Mr JOHN BOX.....Gentleman Amateur.
Mr JAMES COX.....Gentleman Amateur.
Mrs BOUNCER.....Lady Amateur.

The Entertainment to commence at 8 o'clock sharp.
Tickets of Admission to be had Everywhere.

Front Seats.....5s. Back Seats.....3s.

It being impossible for Mr Pyle to show all his VIEWS the first evening,

A SECOND EXHIBITION

Will take place on

THURSDAY EVENING.

Amateurs will also appear with an entire Change of Programme.



Cromwell Quadrille Assembly.

THE above ASSEMBLY will be held every

FRIDAY EVENING, at eight p.m., in Kidd's Ball Room.

Tickets may be had by applying to W. TALBOYS, Secretary.

Cromwell Post Office.

MAILS CLOSE:

For Clyde, Dunedin, and intervening offices, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

For Dunedin, via Teviot, Tuapeka, and Tokomairiro, every Tuesday, at 3 p.m.

For Kawarau Gorge, Edwards's, Gibbstown, Arrow River, Frankton, and Queenstown, every Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 9 p.m.

For Rocky Point, Luggate, Albert Town, and Cardrona, every Tuesday, at 9 p.m.

For Bannockburn and Nevis, every alternate Monday, at 9 a.m.

MAILS ARRIVE:

From Dunedin, Clyde, and intervening offices, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at 8 a.m.

From Dunedin, via Tokomairiro, Tuapeka, and Teviot, every Friday, at 9 a.m.

From Queenstown, Frankton, Arrow River, Edwards's, Gibbstown, and Kawarau Gorge, every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 p.m.

From Cardrona, Albert Town, Luggate, and Rocky Point, every Thursday, at 3 p.m.

From Nevis and Bannockburn, every alternate Wednesday, at 3 p.m.

SAVINGS BANK AND MONEY ORDER OFFICE.

Open for the transaction of Money Order and Savings Bank business daily, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

TELEGRAPH NOTICE.

The Telegraph Office is open to the public on week days from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays from 10 to 10.30 a.m., and from 5 to 5.30 p.m., New Zealand mean time.

J. G. BALLARD,

Postmaster.

COMMERCIAL.

ARGUS OFFICE,

Tuesday afternoon.

Flour (Robertson & Hallenstein's).—£19 to £22 per ton.

Pollard, do., do.—£12 per ton.

Bran, do., do.—£10 per ton.

Oats.—6s 6d per bushel.

Wheat.—7s 6d „

Chaff.—£10 per ton.

Hay.—£10 „

Straw.—£8 „

Potatoes.—£12 „

Bread.—1s 3d per 4lb loaf.

Butter.—2s per lb.

Cheese.—1s 3d „

Bacon.—1s 3d „

Ham.—1s 8d „

Eggs.—3s 6d per dozen.

Kerosene.—6s per gallon.

Candles.—1s 3d per lb.

Beef.—6d per lb.

Mutton.—4d „

Lignite.—32s per ton.

Firewood (scrub).—£4 per load.

Cartage from Dunedin.—£13 per ton.

BIRTH.

On the 1st of August, at Cornish Beach, Bannockburn, Mrs ARCHIBALD RITCHIE, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

At the Bridge Hotel, Cromwell, on the 9th August, WILLIAM GOLDSMITH, Bannockburn, to EMMA ELIZABETH BEACH.

Our present number closes the Third Quarter's Issue of the ARGUS. Subscribers and Advertisers will be furnished with their Accounts in the course of a few days.

THE

Cromwell Argus.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1870.

THE long sleep of Cromwell is at an end. The town has fairly shaken itself free of its old lethargy. The elections for Mayor and Councillors are no longer to be looked upon as mere matters of form. Time was when our representatives had to be drawn by persuasion or driven by threats to the Council Chamber, when they consented to take office only to avoid the penalty of refusal. Now and then a little excitement would spring up, but it was spasmodic, and soon spent. And even while it lasted, it was not the forth-putting of a sound and healthy interest in the prosperity of the commonwealth. A "walk-over" in those days was the usual course of things. When a candidate was found, his reluctance to be put in nomination was overcome at the time. One proposed, another seconded, a show of hands was demanded, and all was over. No business transaction was suspended, no midday meal was forgotten and lost for other and more absorbing attractions: no day's work or day's wage was neglected to attend the election of Mayor or Councillors. Such events have sometimes come off in the Council Chamber, and the townspeople outside none the wiser. This state of things has passed away. The municipal paralysis has vanished as if by magic. The ratepayers are all astir: they now act as if they had a stake at issue,—each as if the event were to be decided by his influence and his single vote. The strip of neutral ground, where many formerly held themselves aloof in utter indifference to the Corporation, is now deserted. Each takes his own side boldly, and is prepared to share the responsibilities of the man of his choice. This journal made its advent just in the nick of time to give form and direction to this new life at its awakening stage: it took the tide at its lowest ebb, and gave it steadiness and steerage-way up to its present high water-mark. In its pages, each party could tell its own tale, in its own way. Columns of advertisements appeared: bills of all colours, red, green, and black, in bewildering abundance, met the eye everywhere: the virtues and the crooked policy of both the winning and the losing candidate were held forth in large and flaming letters to arrest the attention of the beholder. Voters holding town qualifications came in from all quarters, to support each his own candidate, from motives best known to himself. Nothing was allowed for the time being to divert public attention from the mastering idea. All gave themselves up for the hour to the controlling passions of an electioneering battle. Up-country and down-country gentlemen met at the common centre, and were soon seen to range themselves on that side to which their sympathies and their preferences most powerfully inclined them. One bellman for a time held undisputed sway: the arrival of a second divided the empire for a few minutes; till—whether by mutual agreement or exhaustion it would be hard to say—they ceased from the work of deafening stupefaction, and wandered about, half dazed, among a crowd of boys. Ladies watched the event from the terraces, and from every frontage that commanded a view of the ballot-rooms. A call to business was felt to be an impertinent interference. And when the state of the poll was declared by the Returning Officer, an explosion of pent-up feeling occurred, such as is not common in a small community. A good deal of betting for small amounts had been going on, which added intensely to the feeling thus relieved. The displays of human frailty were rather below the average common on such an occasion.—We have written thus fully on the subject of a new-born patriotism among us, that we may be read by those who only know us by hearsay, and who may have viewed Cromwell in its corporate relations "to adorn a tale." It is a delusion to suppose our Town Council incapable of anything high and noble, that our deliberations are charged with nothing but wrath and misconception, and that wrangling in the management of our municipal business is chronic and incurable.

In noticing the sharp contests in the various municipalities as evinced by the narrow majorities, some of the provincial newspapers tell their readers that Cromwell is an instance with others: Mr Smitham, they say, was returned by only seven over Mr Goodger. The fact is that Cromwell cannot be classed with the "provincial rule, but with the exceptional cases: the majority for Mr Smitham was seventeen.

In the elections for Councillors, Mr Kelly fought the battle in the Bridge

Ward with Mr Dawkins, but was unsuccessful. Still he was determined to die hard. He set his defeat down rather to a national than to a personal account. "If he could not live as a Councillor, he would die as a Celt. He concluded his address with the humour peculiar to himself: "I perceive that no Irish need apply." In the Kawarau Ward, the contest lay between Mr Brown and Mr Shanly. Their claims to the confidence of the ratepayers seemed so evenly balanced that no political seer could venture to predict who would be the winning man. When the Returning Officer declared the state of the poll, Mr Brown's friends only half-believed their ears, till the twice-repeated figures dispelled all doubts. It will thus be seen that we have borne our part with the neighbouring municipalities in an earnest struggle to place "good men and true" at the head of our little Corporation; and we can now look at the result with proud satisfaction. Nor need the defeated candidates be ashamed of what has happened. They shewed game to the last, and if they husband their experience, it will avail them in time to come.

THE Cromwell School Committee, after six months' inaction, met last Friday evening, when some new members were added to the staff of committee-men, and other business that awaited the attention of the Committee was overtaken. The existing schoolhouse accommodation was discussed; but, as we are informed, nothing was determined, further than to refer the matter to a future meeting, when it is to be hoped the new members will be present to assist with their counsel. The present schoolroom is rapidly becoming too small for the increasing number of children needing accommodation. The building does not grow out at the sides and gables, to meet the growing demands for room. Under the old school régime, when the children were potted, and became almost fixtures from the time of entering to the time of leaving the school, a room of the present dimensions would have been ample for the children in Cromwell. But the system of drill, and march, and circular stampede which now prevails, requires a wider sphere—a room of much larger dimensions—if the new discipline is to have anything like fair play. But there is a still weightier reason for more space—one that will avenge itself by a terrible penalty if neglected; one that is of vital consequence to the parents of the children, and to the children themselves. Anything that impairs the vigor and impedes the healthful play of the physical powers during the school age will be felt far up into manhood and womanhood, and may be, in all after life. In the Cromwell schoolhouse, with the teacher and forty of fifty children, there are at this season say twenty feet of heated iron surface, carrying off the life-giving properties of the air. The latter is soon exhausted of its vital principle, and what remains is unfit for use, and cannot be inhaled with safety by children of tender age and delicate health. Let the visitors, whose business it is to attend to matters of this sort, step into the schoolroom just before twelve o'clock a.m., and the scent and even the sight will reveal the state of things inside. The master and the children alike have a weird and weary look, indicative of a deficiency of that element for the absence of which nothing can compensate. The room is as if built for the express purpose of doing away with all chance of a fresh supply of air to take the place of the used-up and contaminated article: there is no ventilation in the roof; what air does come in, comes in through the windows, on a level with the heads of the children, so that the almost certain consequence is that in curing one evil another is inflicted. It is not surprising that this state of things should not have impressed the minds of the master or the children. They enter the schoolroom while the air is fresh and sweet; it imparts to them its supporting quality freely; the work of deterioration begins—goes on gradually; nature adapts itself to its altered conditions; the powers of keen perception, to a certain extent, suffer; and the existing evil does not reveal itself, because the acute sense of detection ceases to act. Those who are the first to suffer are the last to understand the producing cause. Nature has not made us its confidant, or entrusted us with secrets denied to our neighbors. All men are aware that air minus its oxygen is unwholesome to men, and much more so to children. There may be some reason for delay in building a new schoolroom, or enlarging the old one, but there can be no reason or excuse for keeping the one we have an unsafe workshop for the intellects of the children who attend it. We have the raw material, thank goodness, in infinite abundance outside the school; let us not suffer any obstruction in the way of all needful supplies inside. If all the ills resulting from the use of an adulterated atmosphere by children could be seen by their parents, the sight would astonish and appal them, and they would be the most surprised who think least of the subject. Let the Committee, for the sake of the schoolmaster, as well as the children, apply the remedy. Ventilate! ventilate! without delay. But this is but a temporary remedy.

Whether the permanent cure should take the form of an enlargement or a new building, we are not prepared to say.

Would not a side schoolhouse meet requirements of the case? Is one more equal to the high duty of imparting stores to the minds of more than fifty children? Is one hand sufficiently strong and steady to hold a firm control over more than fifty colonial children? If the Government could be induced to build a side school, it would relieve the pressure on the limited space now available. But this is another mode of meeting the difficulty, and for this we are indebted to a lady, Cromwell, and if she form one of our readers, she will recognise her own plan. We need not say that there is a good number of girls of school age, and others are growing up, whose parents could afford to pay a somewhat higher sum for their education; and as the matter stands with all the careful attention of the master, these little girls are not equal to the rigorous and boisterous ways of grown boys. The timid and tender nature unfits them for deriving all the advantages they would derive from a more select system, and milder and gentler management. If parents of such children could hold out sufficient inducement for some respectable person to settle in Cromwell and open school, a want would be supplied, and perhaps the question of school accommodation might be postponed for a short time—only for a short time. We have only space to say, in conclusion, "Why cannot the schoolmaster and children have a half-holiday on the Wednesday here, as in other places where masters work less and children are fewer?"

WE call the attention of our readers to what we must regard as an oversight, occurred at a time when the election excitement was beginning. At that time all other subjects were put into the shade. One thing only seemed needful, and that absorbed all attention. This is the excuse that can be alleged for the neglect to which we allude. Sergeant Cassels has been removed from Cromwell to Cardrona, and we have no reason to be dissatisfied with his successor. But to allow such an efficient police officer to leave us without marking in some suitable manner our appreciation of the services he has rendered to the district, would be falling far short of our duty as citizens. To say that he is a fine rate officer, an honest man, a respectable citizen, and a peaceable neighbor would be doing him scanty justice. It would be a full short of his merits; and because it does so, we wish the new Council to give effect to a minute passed when it first became known that Mr Cassels was to leave. Cromwell was decided that a testimonial should be prepared and presented to him. A sum of £4 was raised, or promised, to be supplemented by an appeal to the district, which he stood high in his profession. Mr Kelly took charge of the testimonial, with a understanding that he would carry out the suggestions of the Council; but it has been lying *perdu* ever since. We may not properly bethink ourselves, and discharge an obligation to a sergeant of police second to none other in the force, in this province or anywhere else. We say this advisedly, and five hundred respectable settlers in the district will endorse our opinion. We call upon ex-Councillor Kelly to redeem his pledge to the Council.

In consequence of our supplies of paper ordered from Dunedin not having arrived, we have been under the necessity of curtailing the present issue to six pages. Next week, however, we hope to present the ARGUS to our subscribers in its ordinary form.

We have been requested by the Treasurer to Church Committee to acknowledge receipt of the following contributions to the Cromwell Church Fund:—J. A. Preshaw, L2 10s; J. Grierson, L1; I. Wright, L2 10s; D. A. Jolly, 10s; M. Frazer, L1 1s; W. H. Whetter, L1; W. Smitham, L1 11s 6d; G. Fowler, L1; J. Dawkins, L1; O. Pierce, L1; R. Brown, L2 10s; D. Mackellar, L3 15s; W. MacNab, L2; J. A. Matthews, L1; T. Martin, L1.

A grand entertainment is announced to be given at Kidd's Concert-hall on Wednesday next—to consist of an exhibition of dissolving views by Mr Pyle of St. Bathans; music; vocal and instrumental, by well-known amateurs; and the favourite farce of "Box and Cox," in which the characters will also be sustained by amateur performers. The proceeds of the entertainment are to be handed over to the Committee of the District Hospital.

We hear that a prospecting claim for a new quartz reef was applied for during last week by Messrs Walker and party. The reef is situated about a mile from the Elizabeth Reef, Smith's Gully, Carrick Range. It is probable the application will be heard in the Warden's Court on Wednesday next.

Mr P. Barlow, Secretary to the Dunstan Hospital Committee, in conjunction with Mr Peter Anderson, collected at Kawarau Gorge on Monday, the sum of £8 17s in cash, with a total of £13 3s on the subscription list. This highly satisfactory result is, we believe, mainly due to the efforts of Mr Anderson, of the Gorge.

A meeting of the Cromwell School Committee was held on Friday evening last. The business transacted was mostly of a routine character. Messrs W. Shanly and J. A. Matthews were elected members of committee, the room of Messrs Fenwick and Frazer. The next meeting is to take place on the first Friday in September.

THE HOUSE BY THE THREE CROSS-ROADS.

A TRUE STORY.

The fidelity and watchfulness of man's faithful companion, the dog, is so much commended by good authors, that in the book entitled "Sir Sidney's Uremia" it is advised that those who desire to find a real friend should make a search among dogs and spaniels for him. Authority and praise sufficient, if there were no more; but it is besides confirmed by a world of testimonies. The present legend is a simple but truthful domestic story connected with the dog, who in the language of the poet,—

"Is the first to welcome; the foremost to defend."

The few dreary hours of a misty December's day were fast verging and darkening into the shrouding and moonless obscurity of nightfall, and the threatening aspect of the sky indicated a coming storm, as two weary and road-stained travellers passed slowly on foot down the steep long hill that crescents part of the village of Geisenheim, on the Rhine.

The houseless and desolate appearance of the vine-clad mountains over which they had journeyed, then lying fallow and dormant beneath the freezing breath of the winter, increased the cheerfulness and comfort of the clustering buildings of Geisenheim; and it was with feelings of delight that our weary wayfarers beheld the inviting-looking village.

There was a marked difference between the two travellers. One was tall, with a dignified aristocratic bearing. At first lance, it was easy to perceive that he belonged to the upper ten thousand; his address and carriage at once betokened that he followed the calling of a soldier. His companion was a mean-looking personage, with a shuffling, hesitating, cringing mode of speech and manner; for the rest, he was as crafty as a fox and as

as the tiger. They approached the village, the tall said, in a careless tone, "Here I repeat what I have already stated, it is full time for us to part. For society during our journey over the mountains, and the information respecting our route, I thank you; but as to housing myself for the night, and foraging for a supper, I must tell you frankly that I am too old a campaigner to be at any loss in readily finding a billet."

"As you please, sir," returned his companion in a respectful tone. "A gentleman like yourself will have no difficulty in meeting with accommodation; but as you are a stranger to the neighbourhood, I thought you might like to know of a quiet respectable inn."

"You are wonderfully considerate, and appear to take a great interest in all my movements," observed his companion, with something like sarcasm in his tone; "and, of course, I ought to be grateful, but I am accustomed to shift for myself. It must be evident enough to you, from my accent, that I am not a native of this country. Nevertheless, I am not ignorant of the ways and manners of your people, which, to say the truth, I like indifferently well. For the rest, I can readily dispense with your assistance."

"I hope you're not offended at my humble endeavour to be of use to you in a strange land," said the other. "I was born and bred in these parts, and therefore—"

"Peace!" interrupted the soldier. "I need no apology. You are so monstrously pertinacious. Do you take me for a simpleton, or what?"

"Far from that, sir. I account you a gentleman, although I have not the pleasure of knowing your name and quality."

"Be thankful that you are ignorant of that name. We are strangers: let us continue to be so."

"My name is Hantz Mayer," said the other, apparently heedless of his companion's last remark. "Anybody will tell you who I am. It's no discredit to any man to say that he has to work hard for an honest living."

"Out upon it!" ejaculated the soldier. "I do not want to know either your name or your calling. You have too much to say, and are altogether too officious. So let us bring this interview to an end. Go thy ways, and I will go mine."

"So be it then. You will, however, admit that your manner is not particularly courteous or conciliating?"

"You want to overwhelm you with expressions of gratitude, I suppose? Upon my word, you are a strange fellow—a sort of origami in your way. Well, then,

permit me to say, Herr Mayer, that I am deeply sensible of your kindness and consideration, and that I am also grateful for the same."

"I do not need any thanks; but at the same time permit me to observe that no man likes to be treated with contempt."

"Contempt! The man's dazed!"

"Well, perhaps not that; but at any rate you appeared to mistrust me."

"Now, look here, my friend; we have travelled a good many miles together," observed the soldier; "you have forced your company on me for the greater part of the way—a favor which, to say the truth, I have gladly accepted, seeing that any company is better than none, to make use of an old adage,—and you have wormed out of me the secret that I have concealed about my person all my little stock of wealth."

"You do not for a moment imagine, I hope, that I covet other men's goods?" said his companion, in a deprecatory and injured tone.

"Your pardon—forgive me! Nothing was further from my thoughts," was the quick response.

A fountain that may be stepped over is the source of the tide; and the actions that colour the course of our lives are often dictated by the merest trifle, or the most insignificant circumstance. The soldier came to the sudden conclusion that he had been both ungenerous and unjust in his mode of speech; and to make amends for what he deemed an unworthy suspicion, he at once consented to rest for the night at the hostelry his fellow-traveller had been so strongly recommending.

For the better comprehension of the events which are about to follow, the reader should be apprised that the soldier, as we have hitherto called him, was an Englishman, and a person of quality, being none other than the Earl of Crawford, who had just returned from a long campaign in Flanders. By his side trotted a large liver-coloured dog, his never-failing companion.

"I must tell you, my friend," said the Earl, turning towards his fellow-traveller, "that I am jaded and weary, and therefore shall be both grateful and pleased to find some place wherein I may rest my aching limbs. How much further have we to go? Methinks, if I am not mistaken, we are leaving the village to our right."

"We are," returned the guide. "The house to which I am going to take you stands by itself at the corner of three cross-roads. We are within sight of it. If you cast your eyes over this moor, you will be able to discern the ruddy light gleaming from its windows."

In a few minutes after this, the two reached the hostelry, at the entrance of which the Earl's dog sniffed in a most suspicious manner, and then looked anxiously in the face of his master. But a well-served meal, and a few glasses of hot spiced wine, revived the drooping spirits of the weary travellers. The Earl's guide shortly took his leave; and the English nobleman remained in the public room, chatting familiarly with its occupants. He spoke the language of the country with a fluency that was considered fair in those days, and he seemed tolerably well pleased with the company. Being an old soldier, he had been accustomed to mix with all sorts of people, and knew well how to adapt himself to the associates that chance threw in his way.

The night waned, the hour grew late, and the Earl retired to rest. He was shown into a spacious bedroom, filled with antique, sombre-looking furniture, and a carved ebony bedstead, with heavy hangings, presenting at first glance a funeral aspect. Indeed the appearance of the bedroom struck him as being dark and cheerless to the last degree. He had, however, been accustomed, in the course of his travels, to content himself with any sort of accommodation, and was in no mood to quarrel with that furnished him on this occasion. The man-servant, as he was taking his departure, offered to take charge of his lordship's dog, which, he said, might sleep amongst the straw in the stable.

"I desire his company," returned the traveller. "He is always accustomed to sleep under his master's bed; therefore, be pleased to let him remain."

The man did not make any further allusion to the subject, but quietly withdrew.

Earl Crawford thereupon sat himself down in front of a small table, and began to inspect some papers he carried with him. He continued to read for upwards of half-an-hour, after which he began to undress. While he was thus engaged, the dog evinced symptoms of anxiety and discontent. He was wretched and fidgety.

Upon his master bidding him lie down, he gave utterance to a low howl or whine. The Earl was totally at a loss to account, in any satisfactory way, for the hound's strange and uneasy manner.

"Something disturbs the brute!" he ejaculated; and then the thought crossed his mind that perhaps his faithful follower was afflicted with hydrophobia. He drew a pistol from his doublet, examined its priming, and then placed the weapon on the table. Feeling more composed, he seated himself again in his chair, and called the dog by name. The animal crept timidly to his side, and licked his hands.

"Why, Bruno, boy, what's amiss?" exclaimed the Earl.

The faithful brute laid his head on his master's knee, and looked wistfully up into his face.

"This surpasses my comprehension," murmured the latter. "It is altogether most unaccountable."

The Earl rose from his seat after the lapse of a few minutes, finished undressing, and made towards the bed. The dog gave a low, plaintive howl, and then laid hold of the end of his master's night-shirt, and strove by every possible means to prevent him from getting into bed. It was in vain for the Earl to speak angrily to his dog; for, despite all remonstrances, the latter persisted in pulling at his shirt.

"He would not be so disobedient or persistent unless some powerful motive governed his actions," said the Earl. "He has doubtless witnessed something which, had he the gift of speech, he would gladly communicate; but lacking that, he is constrained to have recourse to a mute appeal. Bruno, boy! you shall have your way this time. I will not sleep in yon ebony couch."

Hastily slipping into his clothes again, the Earl proposed to sit up all night; and it was well for him that he came to this decision. His first act was to bar the door; then he threw himself into a chair, placed the light in the grate, and patiently awaited the issue. Tired as he was, sleep was out of the question. Silence reigned supreme within and without. Not a sound met the ears of the watchful nobleman for an hour or more; but at the expiration of that time, he thought he heard footsteps in the passage that led to his sleeping-apartment. Of this he did not feel fully assured, however: it might be imagination. The Earl was as silent as the grave, and drew his breath slowly and noiselessly; and the dog remained quiet, with his eyes intently fixed on the door. Presently a rumbling sound was heard, and the ebony bedstead began to slowly descend, together with so much of the floor as it stood on. Earl Crawford was petrified with amazement—cold drops of perspiration gathered on his temples. He instinctively laid his hand on his pistol, which he grasped convulsively. He would be prepared for the worst, anyhow; and if any deed of violence was to be enacted, he would sell his life as dearly as possible. His eyes were rivetted on the bedstead, and the opening in the floor; and while thus watching, he distinctly heard half-smothered voices, which appeared to proceed from an apartment beneath the one he occupied. In a few moments after this the bed disappeared; then the voices below became more audible, and a cold blast of air, as from the tomb, found its way into the bedchamber. The agony of suspense experienced by the English nobleman now became almost insupportable. He rose to his feet, and cast a hasty glance at the floor, expecting to see some midnight intruder suddenly present himself. There was a noise of shuffling feet, and several heavy blows on the door were given, which those on the outside were endeavoring to open. The Earl levelled his pistol, and fired through one of the panels of the door. The noise of some one falling, and a deep groan, told him that his shot had taken effect.

"I am armed!" exclaimed Lord Crawford. "Of this I have given proof. If you persist in striving to effect an entrance, it will be at the risk of your lives."

No reply was given to this speech; but those on the outside renewed their efforts to break open the door. The contents of his other pistol went crashing through the other panel, and an impious oath from some one in the passage proved that the weapon had not been discharged in vain.

The pistols were reloaded by their owner, who deemed it advisable to reserve them for the final assault, which he momentarily expected.

"Cowardly miscreants!" exclaimed the Earl, "I tell ye, midnight robbers and assassins as you doubtless are, that you have to deal with an old soldier, who is prepared to defend himself against any odds."

While all this had been taking place, Bruno had never for a moment ceased barking, which added, in no very small degree, to the uproar and confusion.

There was no further attempt on the part of those in the passage to effect an entrance, and, much to the surprise of Earl Crawford, there was a sudden cessation of the hostile movements of the attacking party. He stood for several minutes keeping watch and ward over the entrance to the chamber, his pistols ready for use.

Ho very soon came to the conclusion that those on the outside had beaten a retreat; nevertheless, he could not conceal from himself that he was still in imminent danger, as he had no means of ascertaining

what aggressive movement his enemies would have recourse to. He felt assured that their object had been murder and robbery. For a while, however, their infamous designs had been frustrated. There is an old saying that a stag at bay is a dangerous foe. Even so was it with the Earl, who made up his mind, in the event of an entrance being made by the miscreants, to, first of all, discharge his two pistols, and then retreat into the corner of the room, and protect himself, as best he could, with his sword, in the use of which he was acknowledged to be a proficient. No more blows on the door were given, and there seemed no disposition on the part of the assailants to renew the assault. The Earl drew forth his pocket-book, tore a leaf from the same, and wrote a few lines explaining his position, and begging anyone who might chance to read them to afford him assistance. He then folded up the paper, and placed it inside his hat, which he threw out of the window into the road below.

The sound of firearms being discharged, and the barking of Bruno, had aroused several individuals from their slumbers; so that by the time the Earl's hat fell into the road a group of persons were in sight, who witnessed its descent. In less than a quarter of an hour, the house by the three cross-roads was surrounded by a posse of people, amongst whom were two officers of justice. Repeated knocks on the door were given, but no notice was taken of the vociferous demands, on the part of those outside, for admittance. Ultimately, after some time had been expended in the vain endeavour to arouse the occupants of the hostelry, the officers forced an entrance to the premises, which were found tenanted, with the exception of the Earl. The landlord, his servants, and his companions in crime, had deemed it advisable to fly. A rigid search was instituted, and a horrible discovery was made. The remains of several bodies were found in a vault beneath the basement of the inn, and gave unmistakable proof that several murders had been committed.

It appeared that unsuspecting travellers, while in a deep sleep, had, by an infamous mechanical contrivance, been lowered into the room beneath, and while in an unconscious state, had been there and then ruthlessly murdered; and the assassins, having possessed themselves of the property of their victim, disposed of the body by placing it in a pit which had been previously dug for its reception in the vault beneath.

The house was for a long time in charge of the municipal authorities; and a large reward was offered to any person or persons who would give such information as would lead to the capture of the landlord or his accomplices in crime. For a long time, however, the guilty parties contrived to elude justice. It had been the intention of Earl Crawford to proceed on his journey after one night's halt at the house by the three cross-roads; but the circumstances attending his visit to that abode of crime necessarily caused him to stay at Gessenheim for many days. The burgomaster, upon hearing his name and quality, insisted upon his lordship becoming his guest while he remained in the neighbourhood. As a natural consequence, Bruno became the lion of the day. People flocked from all parts to catch sight of the sagacious animal whose wondrous instincts had been the occasion of a discovery at which the village folk grew pale with fright. It was inconceivably proved, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that the infamous practice of entrapping and murdering unsuspecting travellers must have been carried on for many years. Some of the human remains found in the vault beneath the bedroom temporarily occupied by the Earl, were literally skeletons. These were never recognised or claimed, and were deposited in the village churchyard. Two bodies, however, were identified—one of them was that of a Spaniard, and the other a Hungarian.

Two days after the flight of the landlord and his accomplices, some peasant found near Gessenheim, in a shed which was used to store away grain, the body of a man, beneath some straw very much stained with blood, which had evidently proceeded from a wound in the chest. It was identified as the remains of Hantz Mayer, Earl Crawford's travelling companion, who, after having been mortally wounded by one of the shots through the door, had crept into the shed and died, it is supposed from loss of blood, as no vital organ had been injured. The landlord was never brought to the bar of justice; but he was kept in such a constant state of fright from the knowledge that the officers of justice were on his track, that he committed suicide in an hotel at Frankfort-on-the-Maine. Two of his accomplices were, however, captured, put upon their trial, and suffered the extreme penalty of the law. The house by the cross-roads was in such bad odour that no one had the temerity to become its occupant; and for years it was tenanted, and sunk into decay. Ultimately, the son of its proprietor caused it to be demolished. The land was ploughed up and cultivated, and it would be difficult at this day to point out the exact spot upon which it stood. Roubens executed a fine portrait of the dog Bruno, which Earl Crawford brought with him on his return to his native country.



NOTICE

COURTS will be held in the CROMWELL DISTRICT on

WEDNESDAY, { AUGUST 3, 17, 3
SEPTEMBER 14,

VINCENT PYKE, R.M.,
Warden.

Cromwell, June 29, 1870.

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NURSERYMAN, SEEDSMAN AND
SEED GROWER,
MORAY-PLACE, DUNEDIN.

Begs to announce that he has established
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CROMWELL ARGUS, where he purposes
having in stock every description of

Fruit Trees and Gard.

Of the very best qualities, and suited to the
requirements of the district.

Orders received for all kinds of Nursery
Fruit and Forest Trees, Ornamental Trees,
Shrubs, Flower Seeds, Agricultural Seeds, &c.
&c., &c.

The first consignment of Trees and Seeds has
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Prices Moderate.

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NURSERY AND SEEDSMAN,
DUNEDIN.

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WILLIAM BARNES,
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(Late of Addlestone, Surrey),

Begs to announce to the inhabitants of CROM-
WELL, and the surrounding Districts that he is
now carrying on the above business near the
Bridge Hotel; and trusts, by strict attention to
business, coupled with moderate charges, to
secure a share of the work of the district.

NOTICE.

POISON for DOGS will be laid
Mount PISA STATION on and after
date. I. LOUGHNAN.
Mount Pisa, 12th May 1870.—277c

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WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

D. A. J. and Co. desire to intimate to the
people of Cromwell and surrounding districts
that they have opened their new premises, and
as they intend devoting their attention exclu-
sively to the Grocery and Wine and Spirit trade,
confidently hope, from their connection in Dun-
edin, to be in a position to place before the pub-
lic a genuine class of goods, well and carefully
selected, at prices that cannot fail to give general
satisfaction. They would respectfully invite at-
tention more especially to the following articles
in stock:—

Teas of excellent flavor, in chests, half-chests
and boxes
Coffees not to be surpassed in quality
Cocoa and Chocolate of the best brands
Sugar—crystals and crushed loaf
Raisins—Muscatel, Sultan, and Eleme
Jams, Jellies, Pickles, and Sauces
Bacon, Cheese, and Butter of prime quality
Tobacco—Imperial Ruby Twist, Barrett's
Twist, Old Sport, and Aromatic
Oils—Salad, Castor, and Kerosene
Candles of the best brands
Soups—Blue Mottled, Yellow, and Scented in
bars and cakes, &c., &c.

GRAIN.

Wakapiti Oats, Wheat, and Chaff
SPIRITS.
Islay Whisky—Arbog's and Long John
Hennessy's and Martell's Brandy
and case
J.D.K.Z. Geneva
Burnett's Old Tom
Lemon Hart's Rum in bulk
Porter—Blood's, Blyss's, and
CORDIALS.
Ginger Wine, Raspberry Vinegar
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Families waited on
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Five miles from Cromwell, on the road to the Bendigo Reefs.

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Accommodation for Travellers.

ROCKY POINT FERRY.

GEORGE MLACHLAN begs to intimate that he has purchased from Mr John Mack, together with the Rocky Point Hotel, the large and well-furnished recently placed on the Clutha at the crossing-place.

Punt is admitted to be one of the finest in the district, and easily crosses the heaviest horse waggons. Forty tons can be put at once, and crossed with ease. The nearest road to Bendigo parties will find it to their advantage to use this punt. Vehicles of all descriptions at moderate rates.

MITCHINSON & HARRISON,

Wholesale and Retail

STOREKEEPERS,

WINE, SPIRIT, AND PROVISION MERCHANTS,

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GOODS DELIVERED

At all parts of the Reefs.

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The undersigned having recently completed the above house at great expense, begs to intimate that he is now in a position to offer the best Accommodation to his patrons. The house has been fitted up with every convenience for carrying on an extensive trade, and the comfort of visitors and will be specially attended to.

Billiard Room, with one of the best Tables.

W. GOODALL, Proprietor.

VINCIAL HOTEL,

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ELSALE & WILSON,

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Above house is the largest and most commodious in the district.

EXTENSIVE STABLING.

General Store attached to the hotel, with a large and varied assortment of Groceries and other goods.

Punctually attended to, and goods delivered throughout the district on the shortest notice.

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REEFS' ARMS HOTEL,

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ACH TO BENDIGO.

The undersigned begs to intimate that a Two-Horse Conveyance will leave Bendigo Township for Cromwell EVERY WEDNESDAY, at eight o'clock a.m., returning same day at four p.m. Booking Office, Cromwell: Dagg's Clutha Hotel. Fares to and from, 12s. 6d.; single fare, 7s. 6d. Parcels as may be agreed upon.

27 JAMES LAWRENCE, Proprietor.

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Cromwell, on the main road to the Wanaka.

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The hotel possesses every accommodation for comfort and convenience of travellers. Drapery, Ironmongery, &c., constantly on hand, at the lowest prices.

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At all parts of the Reefs.

Hawea and Wanaka

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The above hotel, which is delightfully situated on the margin of the Wanaka Lake, offers to the tourist and pleasure-seeker advantages rarely to be met with.

The scenery in the neighbourhood is exceedingly picturesque; and on an Island in the Lake there is excellent rabbit-shooting.



A large PLEASURE-BOAT is kept for the accommodation of visitors, and every care is taken to provide means for their enjoyment while staying at the WANAKA HOTEL, which is universally admitted to be one of the most comfortable and best conducted houses in the Province.

The Proprietor of the WANAKA HOTEL can confidently state that a more pleasant method of passing a few days free from the turmoil and care of business, than by a sojourn in the neighbourhood of the picturesque and romantic Wanaka Lake, can scarcely be imagined.

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THEODORE RUSSELL, Proprietor.

Nevis

NEVIS CROSSING STORE,

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Goods regularly delivered throughout the surrounding district.

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Passengers change coaches for Switzers at the Junction Hotel.

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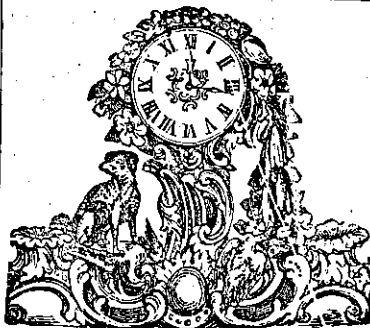
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The Provincial Engineer, G. M. Barr, Esq., arrived from Dunedin yesterday. He is accompanied by Mr Pierce, the newly-appointed Road Engineer for the interior District. We are informed that they intend proceeding on to Queenstown to-day.

We are requested by Mr R. Barlow, Secretary to the Dunstan District Hospital Committee, to acknowledge receipt of the following sums:—Proceeds of Bannockburn Quadrille Assembly (per Mr Wm. Goldsmith), £8 10s; Master John Kelly, £1.

It affords us great pleasure to state that a Quadrille Club has been organised in Cromwell, and that the movement has been taken up with spirit by a number of respectable residents. The Club meets for practice every Friday evening, at Kidd's Concert Hall.

Since our last issue, nothing further has transpired that is likely to lead to the recovery of the treasure stolen from the Clyde Police Camp on the 1st inst. Large rewards, amounting altogether to £2250, are offered by the Government and the Banks for the conviction of the offenders and the recovery of the gold; and a numerous body of police is employed in scouring the country in the neighbourhood of Clyde. We sincerely hope their exertions will prove successful.

Dr Carr gave two entertainments at Kidd's Hall last week—on both occasions to good houses. The attractions presented consisted of a very excellent lecture on "Human Love," and a series of practical illustrations of the power of mesmerism. The Doctor afterwards manipulated the craniums of several persons who came forward from the audience, and gave them the benefit of his opinion as to their respective phrenological developments.

An inquest was held at the Junction Commercial Hotel, Cromwell, on Saturday, the 6th inst., by the Coroner, Vincent Pyke, Esq., on the body of the eldest son of Mr James Scott, of this town. The first witness examined was William Mayne, who deposed that on the evening of the 3rd instant, while looking for drift-wood near his residence, about four miles from Cromwell on the west bank of the Clutha River, he discovered the body of deceased lying on the beach. Next day he came into Cromwell and informed Mr Scott of the discovery he had made. James Scott, who was next examined, identified the body as that of his son, whom he last saw alive on the 24th of June last. On the 4th of this month he was informed by the last witness that the body of a boy was lying on the west bank of the Molyneux, about four miles from Cromwell. He went to the place indicated, and recognised the body as that of his son. He had the body brought into Cromwell on the following day. William Barnes, junior, deposed that on the 25th June, he, in company with deceased and several others, were catching drift-wood under the Cromwell bridge. In endeavoring to catch a piece of wood, deceased over-reached himself and fell into the river. Witness did all he could to save him—going into the river as far as he could do so, and by reaching a stick for him to catch hold of,—but the poor boy seemed quite overcome, and sank almost immediately. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that "The deceased, James Scott, was accidentally drowned while catching drift-wood at the Cromwell bridge during the late floods."—The funeral took place on the afternoon of the same day, and was largely attended.

RESIDENT MAGISTRATE'S COURT.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 1870.
(Before Vincent Pyke, Esq., R.M.)

The Court was occupied for several hours in investigating a charge of

CONTAINING GOODS BY FALSE PRETEXTS.

Joseph Gibb, carpenter, of Logantown, Bendigo Gully, was brought up on remand, charged with obtaining goods, by means of false pretences, from Josiah Mitchinson, of the firm of Mitchinson and Harrison, storekeepers, Bendigo.

Mounted-Constable Smith conducted the prosecution. The prisoner was undefended.

In answer to the Bench, the accused pleaded "Not Guilty."

The following evidence was taken:—

Josiah Mitchinson, storekeeper, Bendigo Gully, deposed: I am one of the firm of Mitchinson and Harrison, carrying on business at Bendigo Gully. I know the accused, Joseph Gibb. I first became acquainted with him sometime in December, 1869. I supplied him with groceries and building materials for a cottage, up to the 25th March last. On that date, he owed me £25 9s 6d. He did work to me to the value of £16 10s, leaving a balance against him of £8 19s 6d. I refused to supply him, after this time, with any more goods on credit. On the night of the 16th July last, about 11 o'clock, I was in Goodall's Hotel, which is close to our store. The accused came in, and said to me, "I wish to see you on business." I told him it was rather late, and declined. He kept pressing me, and at last I consented, and went with him to our store. He said, "I want some goods;" telling me that he had been working for Allread and party for a month, but that he could not get his money, as they, meaning the shareholders, had not sold their gold, and he would give me an order upon Allread. He told me that Allread and party owed him one month's wages, less one day, altogether amounting to £15 6s 8d. Upon this statement, I allowed him to have goods to the amount of £14 1s. At the request of accused, I wrote out an order upon W. Allread, "to pay Mitchinson and Harrison the sum of £15 6s 8d on my account;" and this order he signed in my presence—"Joseph Gibb." The document produced, marked A by the Court, is the one that I filled in at the request of the accused, and which he gave to me. If it had not been for the statement of the accused, that Allread owed him £15 6s 8d for wages, I would not have given him these goods. I knew that this accused had been in the employment of Allread, but could not say for what period. On the following day, Sunday, the 17th July, I went to Allread, and asked him if the order was correct; and he said, No, that he had settled with the accused. I immediately went to the accused, and told him that Allread refused to cash the order. He accused them said words to the effect that they owed him the money, and he would summon them for it. I asked him to come with me to Allread, and he did so; but as we were passing Matheson's hut—Matheson is the manager in the party—that gentleman came out, and accused addressed him. The order was shown to Mr Matheson, and Gibb said it was the only order he acknowledged. Mr Matheson said it would be paid. We then went to Allread's hut. Allread was there. The accused said to him, "I have got my order cashed." He replied, "I have paid you, and won't be responsible for a shilling." I had previously shown Allread the order. The accused said that he would not acknowledge the order he had previously given. When I got the order from Gibb, he gave me a receipt to give to Allread. The contents of that receipt were, "Received payment to the amount of £15 6s 8d," and was signed "J. Gibb."

Cross-examined by accused: I am not aware that, when you gave me the order, you asked me for cash. I did not say that times were too hard, and that I would only give you goods for the order. I did not say that I would let you have the goods on credit until the company had a washing-up; I gave you the goods on the strength of the order you gave me. When on our road to Allread's, you proposed to go and see Matheson. You did go to Matheson's door, and knock, while I stood at a distance. You offered to Mr Matheson, in my presence, to see me paid.—Prisoner: "Did I not offer to work in the claim for one month as a security to you, to allow me time to summon Allread?" Witness: "I do not remember anything of the sort. You told me you would work for a month, but of course I did not know whether they had work for you or not." You said me a house for £25; and I have the receipt for the money at home, but not with me.

William Allread, miner, residing at Bendigo Gully, being sworn, said: I know the accused. He worked for me in my claim for a month, with the exception of one day, previous to the 16th of July last. The accused asked me on that day, the 16th, to settle his account. I promised to go to his house, and I went that night. It was about 7 o'clock when I got there. I told the accused I had received an order from Hamilton, drawn out by him, for the amount of £6 10s. The accused said that the order by mistake was drawn for ten shillings too much. The accused said not to pay more than £6 on the order. I told him that I had received the message. I told him, as I owed him more than the amount of the order, I had paid it, and that he and Hamilton must rectify the mistake themselves. It was eventually arranged that the order for £6 10s should stand. We then agreed upon the balance due to him, amounting to £8 10s 8d. I told the accused I could not give him cash, but that if he would accept an order upon Smith and O'Donnell, I would give him one. He said "Very well," and accepted the terms. I wrote out an order. The one marked C by the Court is the one. I then asked the accused for a receipt in full for his wages, and he gave me one for £15 6s 8d. The receipt marked B is the one he gave me, and that receipt was to the effect that I had paid him in full for the whole amount of his wages. The accused and I went to Smith and O'Donnell's about 8 o'clock p.m., and while in the store, accused asked me to let him look at the receipt he had given me. I took the receipt out, and the accused snatched it out of my hand. O'Donnell and the accused were wrangling about some previous debts, and I did not succeed in getting the receipt back. After I gave the accused the order marked C he had no authority for drawing any order upon me, as I should not cash it. The order marked D by the Court, and for the amount of £6 10s, is dated 4th July, signed by Joseph Gibb, the accused. I paid that order on the 5th July last.

By the accused: "Did you receive a message from me, before you saw the order, not to cash it?" Witness: "No; but I was to pay only £6." Prisoner: "Did you not say that you would pay the man that was working in the claim?" Witness: "I said that I would rather pay you in cash."

Charles O'Donnell, storekeeper, Bendigo Gully, deposed: I am one of the firm of Smith and O'Donnell. I know the accused. On Saturday night, the 16th July, between 8 and 9 o'clock, he came into our store. I am certain it was not past 9. He asked for 6 lbs. of sugar. I got a bag to put it in for him, and he presented an

order upon our firm, signed by Wm. Allread, for £8 10s 8d. The order produced, marked C, is the one. I satisfied the order, and told the accused that, as he was indebted to us for £9 8s 6d, I would give him credit for the amount. The accused said to me that it must be half cash, but I did not agree to any such thing.

By the Bench.—I kept possession of the order. I hold Allread liable for the amount.

Thomas M. Smith, police-constable, stationed at Cromwell, deposed: On the 20th of July last I went to the house of the accused. Accused was either in the back room or outside the back door. As I entered, he ran away. This was about half-past 7 in the evening. I again went to his house about 2 o'clock on the following morning. I arrested him in his house. I cautioned him in the usual manner. The accused gave up to me a number of articles of wearing apparel, such as shirts, &c., which he told me he had got from Mr Mitchinson; as also the suit of clothes he had on. He told me that his wife's parents lived near Dunedin, and that he didn't care if he got a month or two for it. He did not deny that he had got those goods.

Cross-examined by Prisoner.—The first time I went to your house, I went with Mr Mitchinson. I did not go into the parlour.

This was the case for the prosecution.

In answer to the Bench, the prisoner said he would reserve his defence.

His Worship committed the prisoner to take his trial at the ensuing Criminal Sessions of the Supreme Court, to be held at Dunedin on the 3th September.

The prisoner requested that his family might be looked after; and his Worship promised to see that their necessities were relieved without delay.

[The five witnesses, whose evidence is given above, afterwards entered into recognizances to attend at the Supreme Court on the 5th prox.]

CIVIL CASES.

Saxe v. Cowan.—A rehearing of this case had been asked for and granted on the preceding Court-day, to enable the defendant to call witnesses. The plaintiff sued for payment of extra work performed in the erection of a fence which he had agreed to put up for defendant at the rate of £8 10s. per mile.—Frederick C. Saxe, the plaintiff, said that according to his measurement he had completed 8½ miles of fencing, and had lost much time having to carry the material a long distance down the hill towards the Nevis Gorge, as also in consequence of having to send to the Kawarau Station for a supply of lacing-wire. The contract was completed on the 15th of June, but was not inspected by Mr Cowan until the 16th of July. [By permission of the Bench, the plaintiff read a statement of the grounds upon which he based his claim, and of the disadvantages with which he had had to contend in performing the contract.]—Henry Burns, who was a partner of last witness in the fencing contract, was examined; but his evidence was given in a manner so stolid and surly that his Worship ordered him to be locked up until the rising of the Court, when he would be further dealt with.—Mr Brough, who appeared on behalf of Mr Cowan, contended that the contractors had not adhered to the line pegged out for their guidance in putting up the fence, and the result was that extra labour was involved in the putting of material.—James Cowan, manager of Kawarau Station, deposed that he had inspected the fence, with the exception of about a mile on the Nevis side of the Carnick Range. Portions of the work were passable, but other portions he would not take off any one's hand.—Robert Stuart, manager of Hawklun Station, said he had seen the fence, and it certainly deviated from the line marked out, and which he himself had laid off. The contractors had levied more than was necessary. A great portion of the fence he would not take off any one's hand: it was not a sheep-proof fence at all. It would cost, he thought, from £7 to £10 to put the fence in proper order. In answer to plaintiff, he said contractors were liable for damage done until the job was taken off their hands.—William Fraser, runholder, had seen a portion of the fence, some parts of which were done well, but at other parts the wires were not properly laced.—Robert Scott, shepherd on Kawarau Station, said he had measured the fence and found it to be six miles and twenty-two chains in length. Several portions of it were not sheep-proof. Burns was with him when he measured it, and they concurred as to the length completed.—Zephaniah Blandy, bullock-driver, said he had taken the contract to lay down the wire and standards for the fence, and had stuck to the line as near as possible. The wire used for lacing the fence, as he had told Saxe, was the "trumpyist d"—a thing he ever saw.—Mr Brough said he thought it was sufficiently proved by the evidence that the contract had not been properly performed; and he would ask his Worship, before giving judgment for the plaintiff, to make him put the fence in an efficient condition.—His Worship remarked that both parties were in fault, and, considering the loose way in which the specification was drawn up, it was not surprising that a dispute should have arisen. On the one hand, it was satisfactorily proved that the fence was not properly put up; and on the other, the defendant had failed to examine the fence without delay after its completion. He would make no reduction in the claim on account of the present condition of the fence, but would give judgment for plaintiff in the sum of £15 13s. 6d., with 35s. costs.

Edward M. Loughlin v. F. C. Lyons.—Claim, £6 for eight days' hire of a horse, at 15s. a day. Defendant put in a bill of £3 5s. for horse-feed. Mr Brough for plaintiff.—E. M. Loughlin, baker, deposed that he hired a horse to defendant on the 8th July, and it was not returned until the 15th. Defendant had on a previous occasion paid him 15s. for a day's horse-hire.—Henry Newman, baker, and a partner with plaintiff, stated that defendant had asked him to make a reduction in the charge, but he had declined.—Frank Foote, livery stable-keeper, (who was called by the defendant), said that he usually charged the Chinese £2 10s. for a week's horse-hire, but the charge depended a good deal upon the work. In the case of a man hiring a horse for two or three days, he would perhaps charge only 10s. a day; certainly he would not charge any one 15s. a day if he hired a horse for two or three days—it wouldn't be fair.—His Worship gave judgment for 15s. for the first day, and 10s. per day for the remainder of the time; together with 13s. costs of Court. The plaintiff would have to pay his own costs.

Police v. Box.—Mrs Ann Box was charged, on the information of Constable Smith, with having on the 16th of July sold or permitted to be sold certain adulterated liquors to William Ben, a miner. Defendant pleaded "Not guilty."

William Ben, residing at Smith's Gully, Bannockburn, stated that he went to defendant's house on the afternoon of Saturday, 16th July, and remained there till next day (Sunday). He only had three drinks while in the place, and those were brandy and gin. He became unconscious at about nine o'clock on Saturday night, and when he came to his senses he felt very ill. Defendant did not serve him with any drinks. She asked him to have some tea and milk.—Dr Corse, being sworn, stated that he was called to attend William Ben at about three o'clock on the Sunday morning, when he found him in a

state of syncope, perfectly unconscious. After medicine had been administered, there was a frothy mucus about the mouth. The patient vomited, and nicotine was perceptible in the mucus. Nicotine would dissolve either in water or alcohol. Witness believed that the man's life was endangered through imbibing some villainous compound. There were three men in the place at the time of witness' visit, and two of them were drunk.—John Woodward, minor, Bannockburn, (called by the defendant), deposed that he went to Mrs Box's between eight and nine o'clock on Saturday evening, the 16th July, and found Ben suffering from griping pains. He was sick at that time, but not unconscious. Saw him take one nobbler of gin. Offered him some brandy, but he wouldn't drink it. Gave him mustard and water to ease the pain. Had seen a great many men drugged at various times, but had never seen any one in the same state as Ben was on that night.—Mrs Box (to Ben): Was it my drink that made you bad, Mr Ben?—Ben: I couldn't say, ma'am.—His Worship said it was not necessary to prolong the inquiry: the evidence was insufficient to bring the charge home to the defendant.—Constable Smith stated that he had brought the case forward in order to deter publicans from drugging their drink. He would certainly oppose the renewal of Mrs Box's license on the next annual licensing day.—His Worship cautioned the defendant, and dismissed the case.

The application of Mr Robert Kidd, for permission to have music and dancing in the Concert-hall on Wednesday and Saturday evenings, was refused.

[No business of importance was transacted in the Warden's Court on Wednesday.]

OCCASIONAL NOTES FROM THE METROPOLIS.—(No. V.)

With the exception of the election of a member of the City Council, for South Ward, in the room of Councillor Fish (now his Worship the Mayor), the City elections are over. The Council, as reconstructed, is, I think, a body which will on the whole command the confidence and respect of the ratepayers. The Mayor is a very intelligent and promising young man; and the Councillors are gentlemen of standing, intelligence, and ability—with perhaps one rather unhappy exception. "There isn't noa use 'issin' and groavin', for I will speak!" So said Mr John Barnes, in his loudest tone of voice, and with his most ferocious aspect, on being greeted with a perfect storm of hisses and groans, when he made his appearance to return thanks after his election as member for Leith Ward. And certainly it was no use hissing and groaning, for Mr Barnes seemed determined to have his say, notwithstanding the howling of the crowd of electors assembled, and have it in his choicest language. What on earth the 166 electors of Leith Ward who placed Mr Barnes at the head of the poll could have been thinking of, goodness knows. He has been harping on the clap-trap of being a "practical man," and looking after the interests of the "working man," and so on; and this no doubt had the desired effect with a considerable number who imagine that the Corporation funds have not been spent to the best advantage hitherto. But, even granting that Mr Barnes is a practical man, surely that fact alone is not sufficient to qualify him for the position to which he has been elected. Members of City Councils in most large places are expected to be men of some little education and position in society, and who can lay claim to being civilised beings, capable of addressing their fellow-men with civility when spoken to, of arguing matters connected with the welfare of the citizens in an intelligent manner while in their places in the Council. I hardly think that the chosen of the electors of Leith Ward can lay claim to any of these qualities. The leading journal of the city characterises the return of Mr Barnes as a "practical joke perpetrated by the electors of Leith Ward;" and the majority of the citizens express their dissatisfaction at the result of the election in no measured terms. Mr John Hyde Harris—who formerly held the high position of Superintendent of the province, and was also subsequently elected Mayor—one of Mr Barnes's opponents, bore his defeat with considerable sang froid, as I should think it must have been excessively galling to sustain defeat at the hands of an antagonist with such small pretensions to education, business acquirements, or legislative ability. However, the mischief is done, and let us hope that Mr Barnes will do his best for the interests of the city in return for the honor conferred upon him—a result which I imagine will be best achieved by him, as a rule, remaining a passive spectator and listener to the Council debates. The result of the Bell Ward election has given rise to a slight squabble. Mr Benjamin Bagley was declared elected by a majority of one over his opponent, Mr William Woodland; but the latter claims two or three votes which were rejected by the returning officer as informal, and consequently asserts that Mr Bagley was not legally elected. Mr Woodland attended the first meeting of the new Council yesterday, and asserted his right to take his seat as member for Bell Ward on the above ground; but the Mayor informed Mr Woodland that Mr Bagley had been declared elected by the returning officer, had signed the usual declaration and taken his seat, and that if he (the applicant) wished to proceed any further in the matter, he would have to take it to the Supreme Court. Mr E. B. Cargill will most likely come forward for the vacant seat in South Ward.

The news of the robbery of the gold Escort and bank notes at Clyde, which was telegraphed to the Government early on Monday, created intense excitement, and was the all-absorbing topic of conversation during the day. Even the unexpected election of Mr John Barnes was forgotten in discussing the startling news which had flashed along the telegraph wires, and various were the conjectures as to who the audacious scoundrels could be. Whoever they are, let us hope that they will be speedily captured, and receive the punishment which they richly merit. The police are keeping a sharp look-out, and will no doubt use their utmost endeavors to effect the arrest of the depredators. A reward of £500, and a free pardon to any accomplice who will "split," has been offered by the Government for the recovery of the stolen treasure, but I am afraid that this will not tempt those who have the gold in their possession to part with it.

ARROWTOWN.
(From our own Correspondent.)
August 9.

The weather has had visible influence on mining operations all over the district, frozen-out sluicers being the order of the day in the higher grounds; but where work is practicable, results are not below average. The Chinese claim at the township—smothered at the last flood—is now being re-opened by a fresh gang of Celestials, who are evidently determined on making a strong job of it this time. Throughout the district, "John" is getting his full share of the gold, playing havoc with the ground wherever he locates; at the Twelve-mile becoming, in that respect, the intolerable nuisance he is everywhere else.

Farming operations out-droos have been slightly retarded by the frost. There is little to notice at this dead season of the year.

The applications to occupy the Crown Terraces under agricultural leases have been attracting some attention. About twelve or fourteen hundred acres have been applied for, and before long the plough will probably be leaving its mark on the best land in the district. The want of a dray road is the great drawback: packing up posts and rails is rather an expensive item. Some assistance is offered on the ground of the land being partly auriferous, and a petition is being got up against granting the leases.

Nearly every waggon which arrives here brings some ponderous bundles of fruit trees. The number of trees planted last year in the township and neighborhood was something enormous, and, to judge by the preparations making, the coming season bids fair to eclipse the last. It is not planting a few trees merely for pleasure, but planting them in hundreds for profit. With our magnificent climate—second to none as regards the perfect culture of the old country fruits—and the sheltered position of the township gardens, so suitable for the grape and peach, this place may indisputably be termed the "Orchard of the Wakatipu District."

Our opportunities for amusing ourselves lately exemplify the old proverb: "It never rains but it pours." The Bell-ringers have delighted two large audiences in the Public Library Hall. Then we had Dr Carr; and last Saturday evening, the Library Committee gave an entertainment in aid of the funds, which were augmented very considerably. The whole affair was wound up with a dance. This excellent institution is in a prosperous condition—a fine building, a good collection of books, and out of debt. The Committee have directed their attention towards adding two or three hundred volumes to the present stock, including many of the latest works published at home. The Rev. Mr Coffey has kindly offered to lecture in this behalf, and the lecture is announced for the next moonlight Saturday night.

Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—A wonderful cure of ulcers in the leg.—Frederick Hif, of George Town, Cape Colony, was afflicted for eight years with severe ulcers in the leg, like the keys of a flute, which discharged continuously, and rendered his life one of the greatest wretchedness and misery.—Many remedies were tried in vain, and he became worse. At last he had recourse to Holloway's Ointment and Pills, and by persevering with the printed directions for nine weeks, he was radically cured, and is now able to walk better than ever he was in his life.

NOTICE.

COURTS will be held in the CROMWELL DISTRICT on

WEDNESDAY, { AUGUST 17, 31.
SEPTEMBER 14, 28.

VINCENT PYKE, R.M.,
Warden.

Cromwell, June 29, 1870.

ARGUS SEED WAREHOUSE, CROMWELL.

George Matthews,
NURSERYMAN, SEEDSMAN AND SEED GROWER,
MORAY-PLACE, DUNEDIN.

Begs to announce that he has established a BRANCH of his business at the office of the CROMWELL ARGUS, where he purposes keeping in stock every description of

Fruit Trees and Garden Seeds
Of the very best qualities, and suited to the requirements of the district.

Orders received for all kinds of Nursery Stock, Fruit and Forest Trees, Ornamental Trees and Shrubs, Flower Seeds, Agricultural Seeds, &c., &c.

The first consignment of Trees and Seeds has just arrived, and is now on sale at the

Argus Seed Warehouse, CROMWELL.

Prices Moderate.

GEORGE MATTHEWS, NURSERY AND SEEDSMAN, DUNEDIN.

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BOOKS:

MEN OF THE TIME (latest edition): Prescott's Works; Beckman's History of Invention; Mantoll's Wonders of Geology; Dick's Sideral Heavens; Alfred's Greek Testament (abridged); Rankine's Steam Engine, and Applied Mechanics; Hooker's N. Zealand Flora; Lavater's Physiognomy; Hogg's Natural Philosophy; Chambers's Information for the People; Buchanan's Domestic Medicine; Dictionary of Domestic Medicine; Dictionary of Daily Wants; Enquire Within. A great variety of Books on Light Literature, by popular authors; School Books, General Stationery, &c., very cheap, at

WILLIAM BAIRD'S,
GEORGE-STREET, DUNEDIN,
(Opposite Odd-Fellows' Hall).

Books to Order procured on moderate terms.

VULCAN FOUNDRY
GREAT KING-STREET,
DUNEDIN.
KINCAID, McQUEEN, & CO.,
Boilermakers, Engineers, Millwrights,
Founders, Blacksmiths, &c.

All kinds of Castings in Iron and Brass done. Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired. Overshot, Breast, and Turbine Water-wheels; Quartz-crushing Machinery; Pumping & Wind-ing Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates; wrought-iron Hopper Plates punched to any size of hole; Gold Dredging Spoons, &c.
All kinds of Reaping, Threshing, Horse-power Machines, &c., repaired.

Flax-dressing Machines made to order.

[ESTABLISHED 1858.]

A. B. E. A. V. E. R.
WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,
Princes-street,

(Nearly opposite the Bank of Otago), Dunedin,
Begg to intimate to his friends and the public generally, that he has always on hand a good and varied stock of Goods; and is in constant receipt, by every mail, from his home agents, of selections from the best makers, which he can confidently recommend, the principal features of which are—

Watches and Chains not to be surpassed.
Brooches, Earrings, Necklets, Rings, Lockets, Pins, &c. &c.
English, French, and American Clocks; Field Glasses, and Nautical Instruments.

Special orders from home executed at a small advance.

A. B. wishes also to mention that REPAIRS in all the different branches are executed carefully and with despatch.

Jewellery manufactured to any design.

[ESTABLISHED 1856.]

JOHN HISLOP,
(Late Arthur Beverley),
PRINCES-STREET, DUNEDIN,
(Opposite Bank of Otago).

J. H. begs to acquaint his friends and the public generally that he is in constant receipt of—by every mail—NEW GOODS, purchased from the best makers, of which a list is enumerated below:—

WATCHES—Gold and silver, ladies' and gents', open-faced and hunting, keyless, and every other description.

CHAINS—Ladies' and gents' Colonial and English gold Albert and guard chains.

BROOCHES and EARRINGS, extensive choice, set with diamonds and every other kind of precious stones.

BRACELETS and NECKLETS—Large assortment.

RINGS and PINS, various designs; also, studs, sleeve-links, and solitaires, and gold and silver pencil-cases.

SILVER GOODS—Tea and coffee services, knives, forks, spoons, salvers, inkstands, card-cases, children's mugs; knife, fork, and spoon in sets; a selection of prize cups, salt-cellars, and brooches.

PLATED GOODS—Tea and coffee services, sugar-basins, cruet, liqueur-frames, cake-baskets, egg-stands, salt-cellars, and every description of electro-plated goods.

BAROMETERS—Ship and hall, aneroid, mercurial, and metallic; also, a large assortment of thermometers.

TELESCOPES—Opera, marine, and field glasses.

CLOCKS—A large assortment of English, French, and American clocks, suitable for drawing-rooms, dining-rooms, halls, or kitchens.

GREENSTONE—A large assortment of greenstone, mounted, in brooches, earrings, studs, lockets, pins, &c.

J. H. has the honour to inform the inhabitants of the Province that the Manufacturer of his London-made Watches took a First Prize at the International Exhibition, 1862 (London).

All sorts of Colonial Jewellery made to order.

Chronometers, Duplex, Lever, Horizontal, Verge, and every description of Watches carefully repaired.

Ship Chronometers rated by transit observation.

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WILLIAM SINCLAIR,
TAILOR AND CLOTHIER,
PRINCES STREET,
(Opposite Criterion Hotel),

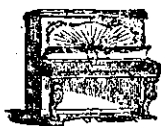
DUNEDIN.

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M'GUIRE'S IMPERIAL FAMILY
AND COMMERCIAL HOTEL,
Corner of Princes and Hope streets, (Dunedin).

First-class accommodation for Commercial Travellers.

Suites of Apartments for Private Families. Hot, Cold, and Shower Baths always ready. LIVERY STABLES ATTACHED.



LONDON PIANOFORTE & MUSIC
SALOON.

FOR SALE OR HIRE:
Pianofortes by Collard and Collard
Pianofortes by Broadwood
Pianofortes by Kirkman
Pianofortes by Ralph Allison
Pianofortes by J. and J. Hopkinson.
Mechanism of every description connected with Pianofortes and Harmoniums made and repaired.—All the new and standard Music.

CHARLES BEGG,
PIANOFORTE MAKER AND TUNER,
Princes-street north, Dunedin.

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THE UNDERSIGNED

Begg to inform the

INHABITANTS

OF THE

PROVINCE OF OTAGO

That the business hitherto carried on by

him under the name and style of HAY

BROS., Tailors & Outfitters, Princes-

street, Dunedin, will on and after this date

be carried on by him under the name and

style of

DAVID R. HAY,

TAILOR AND OUTFITTER,

PRINCES-STREET,

DUNEDIN,

DAVID R. HAY.

Princes-street, Dunedin,

26th March, 1870.

N.B.—With reference to the above, I beg

most respectfully to inform all those who are in-

debted to the late firm that I shall feel extremely

obliged to them if they will be kind enough to

settle their accounts AT ONCE.

DAVID R. HAY.

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[ESTABLISHED 1863.]

FREDERICK H. EVANS,

AUCTIONEER,

Princes-street, Dunedin.

ESTATE AGENT, MINING & SHARE BROKER.

Loans negotiated.

The Waste Land Board attended.

Orders from the Country promptly attended to.

W. O R A M B A L L,

STOCK, SHARE, AND MONEY BROKER,

MINING, LAND, & GENERAL AGENT,

EXCHANGE CHAMBERS,

Princes-street, Dunedin.

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THOMAS WINSTANLEY'S
SCANDINAVIAN HOTEL,

MACLAGGAN-STREET,

DUNEDIN,

(Late of the National Hotel, Clyde.)

First-class accommodation for Travellers.

SINGLE AND DOUBLE BEDROOMS.

The choicest brands of Wines, Beers, and Spirits.

One of the best Billiard Tables.



RATTRAY-STREET

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE,

Adjoining the Shamrock Hotel,

DUNEDIN.

THOMAS DICKSON,

CABINETMAKER AND UPHOLSTERER,
Has always on hand a large and choice assort-

ment of

FURNITURE,

COMPRISING

Dining-room chairs, tables, sofas

Conches, easy-chairs

Bed-room chests of drawers

Dressing tables and glasses, all sizes

Washstands, commodes, bedsteads

Pallasses, hair mattresses, all sizes

Flock and flax mattresses.

American chairs, all kinds, cheap.

FURNITURE OF EVERY DESCRIPTION

MADE TO ORDER.

Country orders promptly attended to, and

Furniture carefully packed.

UNION HOTEL,

STAFFORD-STREET, DUNEDIN.

E. LYONS, Proprietor,

(Late of the Masonic Dining Rooms,

Princes-street).

Good Accommodation for Boarders.

PRIVATE ROOMS FOR FAMILIES.

CHARGES MODERATE.

Wines and Spirits of excellent quality.

Luggage Stored Free.

One of Alcock's Billiard Tables.

TO SUIT THE TIMES.

AUSTRALASIAN HOTEL,

MacLaggan-street, Dunedin.

JAMES D. HUTTON Proprietor,

(Late cook in the Scandinavian and Bull and

Mouth Hotels).

Has much pleasure in informing his up-country

friends, and the public in general, that he has

taken the above house. Visitors patronising

him will find themselves at home. First-class

Board and Lodging, 18s per week. All meals 1s

Beds 1s. Defy competition. Wines, Spirits,

and Malt Liquors of the best brands.

22-47 Good Stabling, free of charge.

FREDERICK TOFIELD,

WATCHMAKER AND JEWELLER,

SIGN OF THE

"GOLDEN HORSE-SHOE,"

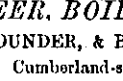
Corner of Princes-street and Moray-place, and

opposite the Criterion Hotel.)

DUNEDIN.

Colonial Gold Manufactured to any Design.

OTAGO FOUNDRY



[Established 1859.]

WILLIAM WILSON,

ENGINEER, BOILER-MAKER

IRON FOUNDER, & BLACKSMITH,

Cumberland-street,

DUNEDIN.

Castings in Brass or Iron.

Steam Engines and Boilers made and repaired.

Overshot and Breast Water-wheels of Iron and

Wood.

Quartz-crushing Machinery.

Pumping and Winding Gear.

Cast-iron Sluice and Ripple Plates.

Sheet-iron Hopper-plates punched to any size.

Gold-dredging Spoons.

Machinery for Flour, Oatmeal, and Barley Mill

Reaping, Threshing, and Horse-power Ma-

chines made and repaired.

Fire-proof doors and safes.

Price's Flax-dressing Machines made.

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DUNEDIN IRONWORKS.



SPARROW & THOMAS,

Iron Shipbuilders & Boilermakers,

Manufacturers of Boiling-down, Sheep-washing

and Dipping Apparatus; Iron Plumbing, Ripple

and Hopper Plates for the Gold-fields; Pumps

and Bents to all sizes; Iron Roofs, Water-tanks,

Fireproof Doors and Safes, improved Tubular

Boilers requiring no brickwork; and general

smith work. Overshot and Undershot Water-

wheels.

ADDRESS:

Cumberland-street, Dunedin.

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By appointment to H.R.H. the Duke of Edin-
burgh, His Excellency the Governor, and the
Volunteers.

F. BEISSEL, Ladies' and Gentlemen's
HAIR-DRESSER & PERFUMER,

Rattray-street, Dunedin.

Warm, Cold, and Shower Baths, &c., always
ready.
Ladies' Hair dressed any style or fashion. A
private room for ladies.

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VICTORIA SEED STORES,
(Princes-street, Cutting),
DUNEDIN.

NURSERIES: Kensington, Anderson's Bay Road.

DUNCAN GARDEN,
(Successor to J. W. Reynolds),

Respectfully calls attention to his new and very
superior stock of Agricultural, Kitchen Garden,
and Flower Seeds.

Ex Warrior Queen:—White Perennial Red,
and Alsiey Clovers, Colonial-grown Cocksfoot,
Lamb's-tongue, Timothy, and Rye Grasses; also,
a splendid assortment of BEARING FRUIT
TREES (warranted free from blight, and true to
name), and other Nursery Stock.

Garden Tools, Gloves, Knives, and General
Trade Furnishings.—Catalogues on application.
DUNCAN GARDEN,
Seedsmen, &c.,
Princes-st., DUNEDIN.

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SUNDAY MAGAZINE, 1869.
(BY GUTHRIE);

Good Words for the Young, 1869

Ex "Warrior Queen,"

At REITH & WILKIE'S,

Booksellers and Stationers,

DUNEDIN.

For List of Books, see Witness.

DUNEDIN SEED WAREHOUSE.

WM. REID, NURSERY AND SEEDSMAN, (late of Rattray-street), begs to inform his country
friends and the public generally that he has
secured those large and commodious premises
known as *Steinhoff's Buildings*, (opposite the
Cab-stand and Custom-house), Princes-street;
and trusts, by strict attention to business, com-
bined with the most reasonable charges, to merit
a continuance of past favours. Nothing but the
best of everything kept, and all Seeds guaran-
teed. Country orders executed with despatch.

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The Largest Stock of Goods in the Colony.

To Watchmakers, Jewellers, and the Public.

N. SALOMON begs to inform the

Inhabitants of Dunedin and Up-country

Districts that he has taken those centrally-

situated PREMISES in STEINHOFF BUILD-

INGS, (opposite the Custom-House, Princes-

street, DUNEDIN), at present occupied by Mr

R. K. Murray. Mr Salomon will take posses-

sion on 1st April, and previous to removing, he

intends offering the whole of his large and well-

assorted STOCK at almost COST PRICE. It

consists of:

Ladies' and Gents' gold and silver hunting and

open-faced English and Geneva Watches; by

the best manufacturers

Colonial and English gold and silver Chains

and Alberts, of the newest patterns

A large and choice assortment of English and

Colonial Jewellery, set with diamonds and

other precious stones

A large assortment of Silver and Electro-

plated Goods

A choice assortment of Ladies' and Gents'

sterling silver and electro-plated Dressing

Cases

A handsome stock of sterling Silver Cups,

suitable for race, yachting, rifle, or artil-

lery prizes

Sterling silver and electro-plated Inkstands,

in great variety

Telescopes; Opera, Field, and Marine Glasses

English and French Clocks, from best makers

Musical Boxes, with all the latest improve-

ments

A very choice assortment of Goods suitable

for Presentations, &c. &c.; and a variety